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**FORMALITIES LETTER**

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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION****FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)*****Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tomoshi HIRAYAMA

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/705,089

ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH

FILING DATE: November 2, 2000

FOR: NETWORK SYSTEM AND COMMUNICATION METHOD OF SAME, COMMUNICATION  
SYSTEM, INFORMATION RELAYING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF SAME, AND  
INFORMATION PROVIDING APPARATUS



**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated January 16, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicant submits herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee for filing the Declaration is submitted herewith.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Petition for Extension of Time (1 Month)  
Notice to File Missing Parts  
Filing of Declaration/Declaration**

Our check in the amount of \$240.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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